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Examiner Dalencourt

After reading the current submission, may we have a discussion at your convenience? My phone number is 408-757-5862

Thank you for your assistance.

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Title: File Based Workflow System and Methods

Application Number: 09/974,594

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Specification

The Abstract is objected to and is amended to be less than 150 words as suggested by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 1 (Claim 21?) has been amended by changing "route step" to "first route step", "second route step" to clarify the sequence of the steps.

The second file is attached at the third route step and the amended claim are easier to understand with the enumeration of the route steps.

Claim 36 has been amended where the term "workflow screen" has been replaced by "route step" since an actual screen may not be implemented for route steps executed by a system. The dependent claims have been amended to reflect this change. Claim 36 has also been amended to clarify the claimed invention.

35 U.S.C. 103**Summary of Response to Examiner's Response Arguments**

The Examiner's arguments do not address the points of the Inventor's arguments of 5/16/08 and do not illustrate where Ghoneimy teaches the classification of files to be attached or downloaded or teach a workflow step to download a file of a specified classification. Please re-read the previous submission and re-read the Ghoneimy sections cited in your arguments.

Response to Examiner's Response Arguments

A) Ghoneimy paragraph [0072] describes a workflow system with node types e.g. Start Node, Exit Node, etc. from which workflow routes may be constructed. An Activity Node may be assigned several forms where a form can access attributes of the containing process. The capabilities taught by Ghoneimy are consistent

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